Since National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is implementing the improvement of this NH in Andhra Pradesh, they interacted with the requesting organisation. The organisation proposed to hold a seminar in this regard. The organisation has not reponded further.

(d) and (e) The technical problems are examined in consultation with the implementing agencies and most appropriate solutions are evolved, within available resources. Wherever considered necessary, consultants/experts are engaged.

Deploying CISF at National Highways

1771.SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been actively considering to deploy CISF at National Highways to prevent various crimes;

(b) if so, whether the National Highways in the country have been found to be prone to various crimes in the past few years and the concerned State Governments have failed to discharge their duties/ responsibilities effectively; and

(c) if so, by when necessary provisions in the law would be made to enable CISF to discharge the highways patrol functions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Law and order is a State subject.

(c) Does not arise.

Investment by private sector for development of roads

1772. DR. ABRAR AHMED
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minsiter of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHTWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian and foreign private sector companies have shown interest for investment in development of National Highways;

(b) if so, the number of works awarded to such firms during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what facilities and incentives are being given for private sector

investment in highway sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last 3 years the number of projects awarded to the private sector companies are as under:

1999-2000	-	1
2000-2001	-	2
2001-2002		10

(c) Following incentives have been offered to attract the private investors in the development of road infrastructure.

(i) 100% tax exemption for 10 years to be availed within 20 years.

(ii) Concession period allowed upto 30 years.

(iii) Duty free import of major modern high capacity equipment for highway construction.

(iv) Government to provide land at no cost and free from all encumbrances.

(v) Government to provide capital grant upto 40% of the project cost to enhance viability, on a case-to-case basis.

(vi) National Highways Authority of India permitted to participate in equity of BOT projects upto 30% of the total equity.

(vii) Foreign direct investment allowed upto 100%.

Roads in Tamil Nadu

1773. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes taken up by his Ministry for development of roads in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the amount of funds allocated for such schemes during the current year; and

(c) the details of the progress of such schemes?